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FOR UNDER SECRETARY MAW

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MARCONA - FINAL ROUND

REF: LIMA 8338

1. OTHER THAN THE AMBASSADOR'S TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH ARBULU AND SUBSEQUENTLY BROUSSET, THE U.S. TEAM'S FIRST DIRECT PERSONAL CONTACT WITH GOP ON MARCONA WILL BE AT A COMMISSION MEETING NOW SCHEDULED AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR 3:00P.M. TODAY. SIMILARLY, MARCONA HAS HAD CONTINUING INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH MINPECO AND CPV DURING PAST WEEK, BUT HAS NOW BEEN TOLD THAT NO FORMAL DISCUSSIONS CAN BE HELD UNTIL AFTER TODAY'S MEETING BETWEEN U.S. AND PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

2. WE KNOW THE PERUVIANS HAVE BEEN MEETING INTENSIVELY SINCE OUR ARRIVAL. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEIR PROBLEMS ARE, ALTHOUGH WE SPECULATE THEY ARE LARGELY OF AN INTERNAL POLITICAL-ADMINISTRATIVE NATURE WHICH THEY MUST ULTIMATELY SETTLE BY THEMSELVES. THE FAVORABLE LIMA PRESS AND TELEVISION COVERAGE OF U.S. TEAM'S ARRIVAL AND EINAUDI AIRPORT COMMENT, "WE COME IN A POSITIVE AND OPTIMISTIC MOOD", SUGGESTS THAT GOP IS IN FAVORABLE MOOD

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DISPITE ABOVE SIGNS OF DISARRAY.

3. WE REALIZE THIS PROVIDES YOU WITH LITTLE TO GO ON.
WE EXPECT TO HAVE MORE BY THIS EVENING. BUT WE CONTINUE
TO BELIEVE THAT YOUR ARRIVAL AT EARLIEST CONVENIENT OP-
PORTUNITY REMAINS OUR BEST CHANCE OF GETTING GOP TO PULL
ITSELF TOGETHER AND SETTLE. DEAN

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